Axecutive Proclamation State of South Dakota

Office Of The Governor

WHEREAS, The Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks exists to inculcate the principles of Charity, Justice, Brotherly Love and Fidelity; to promote the welfare and enhance the happiness of its members; to quicken the spirit of American patriotism; and to cultivate good fellowship; and,

WHEREAS, The initiation ritual of B.P.O.E. is designed to inspire and imprint these principles into its numbers that they may carry them forward into all their future endeavors; and,

WHEREAS, The initiation ritual is central to all activities and works of the B.P.O.E.; and,

WHEREAS, In statewide competition, Pierre Elks Lodge #1953 was found to be the most impressive and best example of the initiation ritual performed in 1983; and,

WHEREAS, Pierre Elks Lodge #1953 has exhibited a long-term and determined effort to become the best they can be:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, WILLIAM J. JANKLOW, Governor of the State of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim the week of November 5-12, 1983, as

PIERRE ELKS LODGE #1953 WEEK

in South Dakota, and I congratulate the State Champions and wish them the best of luck in Houston, Texas, at the National competition.

ATTEST:

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Fourth Day of November, in the Year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Eighty-Three

JAMKLOW, GOVERNOR

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